

Latimer, Becky

From: PSCSC Communications
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Duke, Daphne; Latimer, Becky
Subject: FW: [External] South Carolina is the energy THROWBACK STATE.
Attachments: South Carolina is the THROWBACK STATE, 20210319 .pdf

Mr. Palm would like his comments added to the Docket. Also, please note the attachment.

From: Fred Palm <fred.palm@psc.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 9:39 AM
To: PSCSC Communications <communications@psc.sc.gov>
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Honorable Commissioners,

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Instead, you propose to keep state government in the game to protect no one. Our legislators continue to line their election pocketbooks while they speak to equity and other bull shit excuses talking out of both sides screwing the people again.

Solar energy is the one of few options I have to control my energy costs with or without you legislatively permitting me to supply my excess to the grid. Solar energy lets me keep CO2 out of the atmosphere destroying the natural cycles of life on our ball of habitability. It lets me do my part. It is incredibly personal, this feeling that the THROWBACK LEGISLATORS deny me of. I tell you again - this is personal, and it runs deep with a majority of the electorate.

When I select my next new home, my roof material will a solar panel that generates power to the home. The material that keeps me dry will generate electricity to power my house. Will you prohibit the use in new home construction with your THROWBACK WAYS? No, you won't as I will relocate to a state that enables this selection before you stop history's unfolding.

With well-considered legislation providing equity to the citizen, legislators or regulators such as yourselves might even let me earmark or donate my excess power to be applied to the electric bills of the too many poor families still living in the THROWBACK STATE that you and they do not see but squeeze. This is the equity our regulators and legislators ignore, while they speak to the equities of funders instead of the bill payers victimized by THROWBACK LEGISLATORS.

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You personally will not be impacted in your lifetime. For your descendants, the story will certainly be different.

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